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FIRST OF TWO-PART MESSAGE.

1. SUMMARY. ON THE EVE OF PRESIDENT GEISEL'S ARRIVAL IN
BONN, BRAZIL'S MAJOR PAPERS CARRIED EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS
WITH PRESIDENT SCHEEL, CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, HELMUT KOHL,
AND STATE SECRETARY HERMES, AS WELL AS SUMMARIES OF THE
GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PRESS BRIEFING. PARAPHRASING
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BRAZILIAN TERMINOLOGY, SCHEEL CALLED THE NUCLEAR AGREEMENT
AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS, AND
GEISEL'S VISIT THE FORMAL CROWNING OF FRG-BRAZILIAN
BILATERAL RELATIONS. SCHMIDT SAW BRAZIL AS AN
EMERGING POWER WHICH, GIVEN ITS HUMAN AND ECONOMIC
POTENTIAL, WAS GETTING READY TO ENTER THE ROSTER
OF INDUSTRIALIZED STATES. HERMES STRESSED THAT

THE NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WAS A NORMAL COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENT AND DID NOT IMPLY AN ECONOMIC ALLIANCE AGAINST THE SUPERPOWERS. KOHL EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER THE EXISTENCE OF A FUNCTIONING OPPOSITION PARTY AND STATED THE HOPE THAT BRAZIL'S PARTY SYSTEM WOULD EVOLVE FURTHER. BRAZILIAN PRESS ALSO REPORTED ON MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL ISSUES WHICH FRG EXPECTS TO RAISE DURING THE TALKS. NEW ELEMENT IN PRESS COVERAGE WERE COMMENTARIES FROM BONN EXPLORING THE LIMITS OF THE GERMAN-BRAZILIAN PARTNERSHIP AND THE RESTRICTED CONGRUENCE OF GERMAN AND BRAZILIAN NATIONAL INTERESTS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN INTERVIEWS WITH BRAZILIAN TELEVISION, JORNAL DO BRASIL, AND O ESTADO AND FOLHA DE SAO PAULO, MARCH 3-5, SCHEEL, SCHMIDT, KOHL AND HERMES (FOLLOWING THE EARLIER INTERVIEWS WITH HAUNSCHILD AND FRIEDERICH--REFTEL A) STRONGLY EMPHASIZED BRAZIL'S IMPORTANCE AS THE FRG'S PRINCIPAL PARTNER IN THE THIRD WORLD, THE SUBSTANTIAL ROLE WHICH GERMAN INDUSTRY HAS PLAYED IN BRAZIL'S DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, AND THE STEEP INCREASE IN BILATERAL TRADE IN RECENT YEARS, WHILE SUBTLY SEEKING TO PUT THE FRG-BRAZILIAN RELATIONSHIP IN PERSPECTIVE. SCHEEL, IN SEVERAL INTERVIEWS, STRESSED THAT THE FRG AND BRAZIL

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SHARED THE ASPIRATION FOR THE BETTER INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER--BUT ONE WHICH MAINTAINS THE FUNCTION OF THE FREE MARKET. THE FRG AGREED WITH BRAZIL THAT GOODS AND OPPORTUNITIES OUGHT TO BE DISTRIBUTED MORE EQUITABLY, BUT SUCH A BETTER ORDER COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED THROUGH GLOBAL DIRIGISME. HE SAW BRAZIL IN AN INTERMEDIATE POSITION BETWEEN A HIGHLY INDUSTRIALIZED AND AN UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY, BEST BY THE PROBLEMS TYPICAL OF BOTH.

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SCHEEL SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THE APPROXIMATION BETWEEN THE FRG AND BRAZIL COULD SERVE AS A MODEL FOR NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS IN GENERAL AND AFFIRMED THE NUCLEAR AGREEMENT AS AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF SUCH COOPERATION BETWEEN AN INDUSTRIALIZED AND A DEVELOPING COUNTRY. SCHEEL ALSO SAID HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THE EVER GREATER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND DEPENDENCE WOULD BECOME AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE TWO COUNTRIES' FOREIGN POLICIES. PARAPHRASING BRAZILIAN TERMINOLOGY, SCHEEL SAW THE GEISEL VISIT AS THE FORMAL CROWING OF BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND AS A CONFIRMATION OF THE HIGH QUALITY AND TRANSPARENCY OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE FRG'S MOST IMPORTANT PARTNER IN THE THIRD WORLD.

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3. REITERATING THE CENTRAL THEME OF THE SCHEEL INTERVIEWS, CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT (O ESTADO, MARCH 4) STATED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ARGUE BRAZIL STILL BELONGED INTO THE LIST OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. AS AN EMERGING POWER, BRAZIL, ON THE STRENGTH OF ITS HUMAN AND ECONOMIC POTENTIAL, WAS GETTING READY TO ENTER THE ROSTER OF INDUSTRIALIZED STATES. ASKED ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS, THE CHANCELLOR SAID THE FRG NEVER HAD, NOR EVER WOULD HAVE, THE PRETENSION TO BE CENSOR OR JUDGE OF CONDITIONS IN OTHER REGIONS OF THE WORLD. THIS, HOWEVER, DID NOT EXCLUDE THAT THE FRG WAS CARE-

FULLY OBSERVING THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE WORLD AND THAT THE FRG WAS GENUINELY CONCERNED WITH THESE RIGHTS. THE NPT DID NOT, THE CHANCELLOR SAID, ENTAIL ONE-SIDED BENEFITS FOR THE NUCLEAR POWERS; AT THE TIME OF ITS RATIFICATION THE FRG HAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL ENDS, AS WELL AS JOINT INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS IN THIS AREA, COULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE TREATY. AS A SIGNATORY, THE FRG COULD ONLY WISH THAT, IF POSSIBLE, ALL COUNTRIES ADHERED TO IT. THE CHANCELLOR STRONGLY DENIED THAT THE FRG HAD SHOWN LITTLE DISPOSITION TO COMPROMISE ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, REVIEWED GERMAN CONTRIBUTIONS AND POSITIONS, STRESSING INTER ALIA THE 17 PERCENT INCREASE IN FRG IMPORTS IN 1977 FROM NON-OIL LDGS.

4. ANSWERING A QUESTION OF WHETHER IMPROVEMENT OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION UNDER GEISEL IN BRAZIL HAD MADE POSSIBLE THE VISIT, HELMUT KOHL DENIED THAT THERE WAS A RELATIONSHIP (O ESTADO, MARCH 5);
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THERE HAD NEVER BEEN ANY DOUBT FOR THE CDU THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE POSSIBLE AND DESIRABLE. ON NUCLEAR ENERGY, THE CDU BELIEVED THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE ROAD TO NON-PROLIFERATION WAS THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE MAJOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE RESPONSIBILITY WHICH POSSESSION OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL AND NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS IMPLIES. A GREAT COUNTRY OF THE FUTURE, CONSCIOUS OF ITS RESPONSILITIES LIKE BRAZIL, MUST LEARN TO OVER-COME THE IMMENSE DANGERS AND TEMPTATIONS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, ENJOYING ITS BENEFITS. ASKED ABOUT A POSSIBLE CDU CONTRIBUTION TO THE FORMATION OF A SIMILAR PARTY IN BRAZIL, KOHL SAID IT WAS NOT HIS INTENTION TO ENTER INTO BRAZILIAN DOMESTIC MATTERS. HE WAS NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT THERE EXISTS IN BRAZIL--IN THE SENSE OF GERMAN CONCEPTIONS OF PLURALISTID DEMOCRACY--AN OPPOSITION PARTY WHICH CAN MAKE POLITICS. HE WAS AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES; WITHOUT TRYING TO INSERT ITSELF, THE CDU WISHED TO SEE THE PARTY SYSTEM EVOLVE FURTHER.

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5. STATE SECRETARY HERMES, O ESTADO, MARCH 3,
DECLINED TO ANSWER THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BRAZIL AND THE FRG WAS POSSIBLY
A SPECIAL ONE. IN HIS VIEW GERMAN-BRAZILIAN
COOPERATION WAS A NORMAL ECONOMIC RELATION-
SHIP WHICH DID NOT ENTAIL AN ECONOMIC ALLIANCE
AGAINST THE SUPERPOWERS.
BOTH COUNTRIES BELONGED TO THE
WEST, POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY; AND THE FRG
BELONGED TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. QUESTIONS OF
THE NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONSHIP DID NOT BELONG IN
THE POLITICO-IDEOLOGICAL CONTEXT OF THE SUPER-
POWERS. HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE FRG'S POLITICAL
AND ECONOMIC POLICIES WOULD LEAD TO AN UNDERSTANDING
ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES WITH BRAZIL.

6. TOGETHER WITH THE SCHEEL INTERVIEW, JORNAL DO
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BRAZIL, MARCH 3, CARRIED EXCERPTS OF THE STATEMENT
BY UWE HOLTZ (CHAIRMAN OF THE BUNDESTAG COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC COOPERATION) COMMENTING ON THE GEISEL VISIT.
BRAZIL WAS FOR SOME A NEW PROMISED LAND OF UNLIMITED
ECONOMIC POSSIBILITIES; BUT FOR OTHERS, IT REPRESENTED

A BRUTAL AND INHUMAN APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT. AN INSEPARABLE ELEMENT OF BRAZIL'S ECONOMIC MIRACLE WAS THE SYSTEMATIC VIOLATION OF CLASSIC, LIBERAL HUMAN RIGHTS, ONLY 20 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION -- THE DOMINANT GROUP AND THE MIDDLE CLASSES -- WERE THE BENEFICIARIES OF THE SYSTEM, AT THE SACRIFICE OF THE IMMENSE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION.

7. THE GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, IN ITS PRESS BRIEFING ON GEISEL'S VISIT, EMPHASIZED BRAZIL'S INCREASING POLITICAL WEIGHT IN WORLD AFFAIRS (JORNAL DO BRASIL, MARCH 3). ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, THE PAPER SAID, THE TALKS -- FOUR HOURS WITH THE CHANCELLOR -- WOULD STRESS MULTILATERAL QUESTIONS. ECONOMICALLY, BRAZIL COULD NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED A DEVELOPING COUNTRY, THE GERMAN SOURCES WERE INSISTING, ALTHOUGH IT STILL BELONGED TO THE THIRD WORLD. IN THE TALKS THE FRG WOULD DEFEND ITS POLICY OF RESPONSIBLE ECONOMIC GROWTH, EULOGIZE THE RESPONSIBLE PRAGMATISM OF BRAZIL'S DIPLOMACY, AND SEEK TO OBTAIN BRAZILIAN SUPPORT FOR THE FRG'S POSITIONS IN THE SPECIAL UNGA SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. AS REGARDS AFRICA, ALTHOUGH SATISFIED WITH BRAZIL'S ACTIVE POLICY, PRINCIPALLY IN PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING COUNTRIES, THE FRG WOULD INSIST ON THE AVOIDANCE OF EXTERNAL INFLUENCES IN COUNTRIES THAT HAD RECENTLY WON THEIR INDEPENDENCE. ANY REFERENCE

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TO HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD BE AT AN OLYMPIAN LEVEL, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE SITUATION IN BRAZIL. THE SUBJECT WAS NOT ONE, THE PAPER COMMENTED, TO PLEASE GERMAN DIPLOMATS WHICH WERE LIMITING THEMSELVES TO LISTING THE DIFFERENT THEORIES ON THE MATTER.

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